

To His EXCELLENCE,
RICHARD,

Earl of BELLOMONT, Baron of Coloony, in
 the Kingdom of *Ireland*, GOVERNOUR
 and Commander in Chief of the Provinces
 of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, *New-York* and
New-Hampshire.

*The Address of the Ministers met at Boston in
 New England, May 31st. 1699.*

May it please Your Excellency,

IONG before this Province could be irradiated with
 Excellency's Happy Arrival, there Dawn'd upon
 from all Quarters a Joyful Confirmation of Your Excellency's
 Character.

And indeed while we Congratulate Your Excellency's Arrival
 unto this part of Your Government, We do but Congratulate our own
 Felicity, in having the Helm of the Government, by His Majesties Com-
 mission, put into the Hands of One, who is Adorned with so Charming
 an Image of His Own Royal Vertues.

His Majesty hath for ever obliged the English Nation, by His Royal
 Assent to those Acts of Parliament, which have Enriched it with Blessings
 richly worth all the Expences of the Late Happy Revolution. But Your
 Lordships Most Generous, and Prosperous Conduct, in labouring to bring
 about those Acts, hath laid *England* under the same Obligation to Your
 Lordship, that *Ireland* hath to Your Illustrious Ancestors.

From doing of Benefits to the best Island and Garden of the other Hemisphire, Your Excellency is now come to be a Benefactor, unto the
 Continent of *America*, and Countries that have subdued an *American* Wil-
 derness, to be a significant part of the *English Empire*.

His Majesty in His Royal Wisdom diicerned, That the rare Temper,
 which qualifies Your Excellency, for the most Honourable Undertakings,
 would best of all express His own Gracious Intentions, to this part of His
 Dominions. And the Prudence and Goodness, with which Your Excellency
 hath managed the Affairs of *New-York*, is an actual Demonstration of His
 Majesties Wisdom in the Choice of an Healer for them.

The Condition of *Scotland*, hath been so consider'd by His Majesty, That He hath not only consented unto their Laws, which have Established their Church-Government, as 'tis now Reformed ; but more than once or twice assured them of His Resolution to maintain that Church Government among them. This Greatest of Monarchs that ever Sat on the Throne of Great Britain, and best of Kings at this Day Swaying a Scepter upon Earth, hath now given Your Excellency the Command over *New-England* ; and a People that are a Nation of *Non-Conformists*, which those in *Scotland* justly look upon as their *United Brethren*.

Your Excellency expressing so much good-will as You have done to the Late Act of Parliament, whica hath made the Non-conformists in *England*, Legal Parts of the Church in *England* ; well knew what Hearty Friends, the vast Body of *Non-Conformists* are to the *English Liberties* ; and what Loyal Subjects to the High and Mighty Prince, unto whom (under God) We are all Indebted, for the Recovery of those Liberties ; and how much an Union between all Good Men, whether Conformists or Nonconformists, will contribute unto the Strength of the Protestant Interest.

And we believe, That Your Excellency will on all occasions express the good-will of a Common Father unto the Churches of *Non-conformists* (if where they bear the proportion of more than One Hundred unto One, it be proper to call them *so*) in *New-England* : Churches wherein the pure Doctrine in the famous *Articles of the Church of England* is Owned and Preached with all possible Purity ; and the *Primitive Discipline* which even the Liturgy of the Church of *England* wisheth to see Restored, is practised.

But we cannot single out any one point, wherein w
ble Importance more Sollicit Your Excellency's Favou
our University. It's Languishing for want of it

h us to pray Your Excellency, That You woul. ~~call~~ such a benign
ct upon it ; as that by Your Interest and Influence, in concurrence
with our General Assembly, there may be obtained from His Majesty, a
Settlement of that our University, upon such Foundations as may best
answer the Ends, for which both It, and the Colonies hitherto kept alive
by It, ha. thus Enlarged the English Empire.

Now shall in our several places Endeavour, That our People may
be Inspire . . . Evangelica Principles of Subjection to Government, Obe-
dience to M . . . ates, and Readiness to every Good Work : So we shall
make it our . . . That our Glorious Lord JESUS CHRIST, would
Preserve the K . . . MAJESTY, and bestow His manifold Benediction on
Your Excellenc . . d on Your Excellencys Noble and Hopeful Family.

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*In the Name, and at the Desire of the Ministers, in the
Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, who Met
at Boston, May 31. 1699.*

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